

moval of a needle or bullet by means of the fluoroscopic screen than in any other form of X-ray work. It is so much easier and safer, also far more accurate, to localize the foreign body by means of plates taken in two or more angles. To make a long story short, use the photographic plate whenever possible and use the fluoroscopic screen only in those cases where the plates do not give the desired information.

So we go on with what we had in mind to write about, namely, the discovery of a new class of human beings, a class just like ourselves, with the same capacity to be happy and miserable, but a class that seems to have escaped the beneficent and benevolent eye of humanity up till now. We refer to the indigent aged. There are hospitals and homes, there is a distinct literature, there are conventions and conferences for apparently every other class of people in the world—but for the aged, there is a waiting place for eternity, and an infinitely small niche in the hall of oblivion.

But now there seems to be a new day for the aged. They seem to be human, even as you and I, and entitled to at least a casual survey at the hands of trained and sympathetic students.—The Modern Hospital, July, 1917.

## Book Reviews

**First Lessons in Spoken French for Doctors and Nurses.** By Ernest H. Wilkins, Algernon Coleman and Ethel Preston. Chicago. The University of Chicago Press. 1917. Price 50c.

This seems to be a useful little pocket aid in learning the elements of medical French. A man who carries it about him and studies it in his spare moments should, with a little practice in pronunciation, be able to pick up enough French to make himself understood. L. E.

**The Kingdom of the Mind.** How to promote intelligent living and avert mental disaster. By James Mortimer Keniston, M. D. New York. G. P. Putnam & Sons. 1916.

This book takes up in a very readable way the factors that make for a wholesome mental existence. While no new ideas are brought out, the work thoroughly accomplishes its purpose in giving to those interested in mental hygiene a clear, entertaining account free from confusing theories and technical phrases. H. G. M.

**Handbook of Suggestive Therapeutics and Applied Hypnotism.** By Henry S. Munro. 4th ed. St. Louis. Mosby Company. 1917.

This book is a complete manual and an instructive exposition of applied psychotherapy. It deals with the latest advances of this much neglected subject and gives practical advice, not only to the specialist for nervous and mental diseases, but to the general practitioner as well. The book fascinates the reader with its many interesting demonstrations and scientific explanations of facts taken from daily medical practice; facts which have hitherto grossly been overlooked by medical men. It is well written from a literary standpoint, and easily intelligible. A. G.

**The Treatment of Emergencies.** By Hubley R. Owens, M. D., Surgeon to the Phila. General Hospital; Asst. Surgeon to the Phila. Orthopedic Hospital and Infirmary for Nervous Diseases; Chief Surgeon to the Phila. Police and Fire Bureaus; Asst. Surgeon Medical Reserve

Corps, U. S. Navy. 12mo volume of 350 pages, with 249 illustrations. Philadelphia and London. W. B. Saunders Company. 1917. Cloth \$2.00 net.

A surgical monograph dealing in a simple and cleancut style, with the usual emergencies that are encountered in a large city.

The text comprises a series of lectures that the author has given to many pupil nurses and the members of the police and fire departments of Philadelphia. Dr. Owen manifests a clear understanding of just how much the average student of first aid is able to master. The procedures recommended are simple and practical. This book will be of extreme value to any physician giving lectures on emergency treatment and the training of medical corps men.

A great many procedures described are of much value to every doctor, particularly in the chapter on transportation of injured persons. The warning that many simple fractures are compounded by improper handling and that lives are lost by hauling injured persons to a hospital when they could be saved if proper first aid treatment were given at the time of the accident, is fitting. The illustrations are appropriate and very instructive. The definitions are short, not technical and well suited to work on first aid. E. B.

**New Method in Diabetes.** By J. H. Kellogg, M. D. Battle Creek. Good Health Publishing Co. 1917. Price \$2.50.

The new method in diabetes by Dr. Kellogg, as stated in the preface, is intended for the use of nurses and patients, but as a matter of fact, it is in many places certainly beyond the mental range of the layman. At the same time it contains so much valuable material put in such excellent form as to be of decided advantage to the general practitioner of medicine. The book does not purport to go into the minutiae of the pathology of diabetes, or to summarize the bases of the recent advances in the theory of treatment, but it does give in very succinct form a good explanation of the grounds for the Allen method and provides in the form of tables and recipes an excellent groundwork for the daily treatment of diabetes. It is probably true that few other classes of cases give more trouble to the physician in the matter of directions than does diabetes. Dr. Kellogg, by the excellence of his charts, and the descriptions of 130 dishes suited to the dietary of diabetics, with the calory values of their constituents, provides an excellent escape from our usual dilemma. Did the book contain nothing else but the recipes it would be well worth a place on our library shelves.

It should be mentioned that Dr. Kellogg lays great stress on the subject of constipation and upon a correct condition of the abdominal musculature. He gives excellent directions for the treatment of diabetic cases along this line. H. D'A. P.

**Diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs and the Kidneys.** By Robert H. Greene, M. D., Professor of Genito-Urinary Surgery at the Fordham University, New York; and Harlow Brooks, M. D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Fourth Edition, Thoroughly Revised. Octavo of 666 pages, 301 illustrations. Philadelphia and London. W. B. Saunders Company. 1917. Cloth. \$5.50 net. Half morocco, \$7.00 net.

The new edition of this eminently useful book will be welcomed by the general practitioner as well as by the urological specialist as a valuable addition to their library. In clear and concise language those methods of diagnosis and treatment